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The chair will allow Fr. Cedric a 3-month stay in the US, where he'll speak before various audiences on the human rights issue in India, with specific reference to Gujarat. His stay assumes significance because of intense lobbying for granting a visa to Modi, especially by the NRI community, even as the CM denies he is interested in going to the US. His supporters believe the opening of a Canadian trade office in Ahmedabad last week is just one more step towards the visa goal.

Fr Cedric was among the three Indians called to testify before the **US Commission for International Religious Freedom**

in June 2003 in the context of the Gujarat riots. Apart from the riots, he also raised the issue of the proposed legislation against religious conversions in Gujarat. It was based on the commission's recommendation that Modi was denied a US visa in March 2005.